

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: E. Martello
HIDEO NORO, ET AL.)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated February 16, 2010, and in further response to the final Office Action dated December 8, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks: